

Willow Canyon First Ward

February 2015 – The Plan of Salvation

Through the Scriptures, we learn that in our pre-mortal existence a Grand Council in Heaven was called by our Heavenly Father. It was here that the Plan of Salvation was first presented. We all had part in that council. We all heard what the Father proposed and we all exercised our free agency in accepting the Plan of Salvation. This is evident by the fact that we left the pre-mortal world and have come to live life here on earth.

In the Scriptures, the Plan of Salvation, the Plan of Redemption, and the Plan of Happiness each refer to the same thing. As his children, our Father in Heaven wanted to provide a way that we would live with him forever. This required that we come to earth.

President Ezra Taft Benson has said, “Life has a fourfold purpose. First of all, we come to this mortal life to receive a physical, mortal body. Without a physical body man is limited in his progression and only with a spirit and a body united together permanently can man receive a fulness of joy; so we are living today part of eternity. We accepted that plan in the spirit world before we came here, and we rejoiced at the opportunity to come here.

“Second, we came here to gain experience – experience with a physical, mortal world.

“The third purpose of life is to give us an opportunity to prove ourselves (Abraham 3:25). To prove that even in the presence of evil and sin we can live a good life. To prove that in spite of temptation that we have the strength and the character to adhere to the principles of the gospel.

“And fourth, this life is intended to provide an opportunity to help our Father in Heaven with His great plan, and we do that through honorable parenthood. We cooperate with our Heavenly Father in helping to prepare tabernacles to house spirits of His other children. So the matter of marriage, the home, and the family is a vital part of the plan of our Heavenly Father, and by keeping this fourfold purpose of life in mind constantly, and carrying out these purposes faithfully, we receive a fulness of joy in mortal life here, insofar as it is possible to have a fulness of joy in mortal life, and we prepare ourselves for exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom where we will receive a fulness of joy. So, the whole purpose of the Church is to help and assist us in carrying out these purposes in life.”

Abraham 3:26 tells us, “And they who keep their first estate shall be added upon; and they who keep not their first estate shall not have glory in the same kingdom with those who keep their first estate; and they who keep their second estate shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever.”

In the song, *I Will Follow God's Plan*, the Primary children sing, “My life is a gift; my life has a plan. My life has a purpose; in heaven it began. My choice was to come to this lovely home on earth and seek for God's light to direct me from birth. I will follow God's plan for me, holding fast to his word and his love. I will work, and I will pray; I will always walk in his way. Then I will be happy on earth and in my home above.”

Brothers and Sisters, as members of the Church, may we help each other to live a good life, to build the strength and character to adhere to the principles of the gospel. Life is hard. It can be a little easier when we have others helping us along. God bless you in your faithfulness.

–The Bishopric

Happy Birthday!



February 2015

- 3 Jay Nielsen
Samantha Ellis
- 4 Darin Olsen
Ryker Reynolds
- 5 Ruth Clegg
- 6 Ron Baker
- 7 Harry Mills
- 10 Donna Rose
Elva Hamblin
- 12 Joshua Ellis
- 13 Priscilla Trujillo
- 14 Mont Bishop
Sophia Larson
- 15 Matt Pendleton
- 16 Brenda Miller
- 17 Ralph Tolman
- 19 Ryker Olsen
- 20 Jill Benson
- 21 Marie Thompson
- 23 Lindsay Kramer
- 27 Lee Guest
Alec Jones
- 28 Kyle Anderton

Employment

For employment opportunities and information, please contact Lane Clark at: info@SmashCRM.com or call him at his home 801-571-7857.

Relief Society

We'd like to thank Gayle Hansen for her MANY years of service as the Alta Ridge Relief Society coordinator. She did an outstanding job and she continues to visit the sisters there. We'd also like to welcome Ronee Scott to her new duties at the Care Center.

Please save Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 a.m. for our Relief Society Waffle Bash. At this party, we are going to play a game where everybody puts their favorite thing in a bag and no one knows what it is. So start thinking about what you want to bring that will fit in a bag.

Also in March our ward is in charge of the Care Center Relief Society meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We will have sign-up sheets going around on Sundays, or call one of the presidency if you are able to help give a lesson, do a musical number, play the piano, lead the singing or offer a prayer.

Also thanks to all of you for your service in visiting our sisters. We appreciate all that you do.

Love,
The Relief Society Presidency

Family History

RootsTech is hosting their annual conference here in SLC on Feb 12 -14. This is a huge event and is attended by thousands of people and has on-line capacities as well. To register for this event, go to RootsTech.org. Donny Osmond and Laura Bush will be key speakers. This will be a fantastic learning experience for anyone interested in family history, regardless of your level of expertise.

For Family History questions and help, contact Gwen Brandt at 435-770-3410.

Young Men

Priests/ Teachers Quorums

- February 5 - 7 - Stake Youth Conference
February 10 - Tour of EnergySolutions Arena
(Deacon's are also invited)
Meet at Bro. Glauser's house
at 3:30 p.m.
February 12 - Stake YM Basketball
Buttercup Chapel
(Game will be at 8:40 or 9:30 p.m.)
February 18 - Combined Activity - 7:00 p.m.
February 25 - Young Men's Activity - 7:00 p.m.

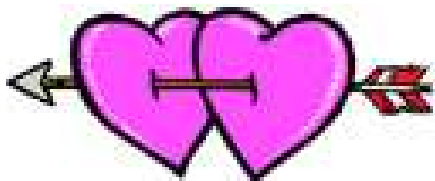
We welcome Chandler Glauser to our quorum as the newest Teacher

Deacons Quorum

The Deacons will finish the Old Testament in February and will begin reading the Doctrine and Covenants. Our goal for each Deacon is to read the entire standard works before becoming Teachers.

Chandler is advancing in the priesthood to the office of Teacher. He has been a awesome quorum president!

We welcome Kendon Riep to our quorum as our newest Deacon.



Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions for the March newsletter no later than February 24th to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com. All auxiliaries are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter each month.

Missionary Addresses

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Young Women

February 5 through 7 - Youth Conference
February 15 - New Beginnings
February 18 - Combined Activity with YM
February 25 - To Be Announced

Cub Scouts

Don't miss the Fabulous and Fun
Family Blue and Gold Banquet.

The party theme is Minions!
Dress like a minion for extra enjoyment!
February 25th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Stake Center Cultural Center.
Please watch for a small food assignment.

Choir

**ALL THOSE WHO LOVE TO SING
YOUNG OR OLD
PLEASE JOIN ME!**

A change has been made to our practice
schedule. There will only be one practice,
on the third Sunday of each month,
the day of our performance.

The practice will be in the chapel
from 10:15 am to 10:50 am.

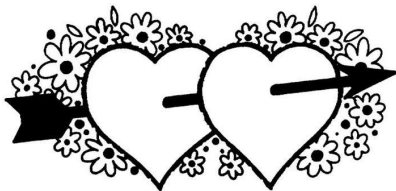
For the most part
we will be using the hymn book.
This will make it simple and painless
but still enjoyable for choir members
and the congregation.

February 15 will be our first
practice and performance.

Please join me in supporting our ward
with beautiful music.

I look forward to working with you.

Donna Strong
Ward Choir Director



Primary

The theme for the year 2015 is "I Know
My Savior Lives".

The theme for February is "Jesus Christ
is My Savior and Redeemer".

The scripture for February is "For God
so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have everlasting
life." (John 3:16)

We would like to thank Sister Kaylin
Nydegger as Chorister, Brother Bryan Benson
as a Primary teacher, and Sister Klarissa Wells
as a Nursery teacher, for their service in the
Primary. We will miss them and congratulate
them on their new callings (and Klarissa on
her marriage). We would also like to welcome
Sister Debbie Bierman as our new chorister,
Brother Darin Olsen as a Primary teacher,
Sister Jane Johnson on the girls activity
committee, and Sister Vanessa Pendleton and
Sister Andrea Marx as Cub Scout leaders.
We would also like to thank our teachers and
leaders who continue to serve in the Primary
for their work and dedication.

We are also going to miss Kendon Riep
in the primary. He has turned 12 years old
and is moving on to the Young Mens. We
wish him well in his new adventures and
experiences as he becomes a member of the
priesthood.

Thanks,
The Primary Presidency

Empty Nesters

FHE will be held February 9th at 7:00 pm.
Gwen Brandt will be hosting.
We are enjoying reading the "Autobiography
of Parley P Pratt."

We welcome all Empty Nesters
to join us on the
second Monday of the month.